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# TEAMSTERS DEFY A.F.O.F.L.COUNCIL VOTE GENERAL STRIKE THURSDAY

Only Communists Support Strike;  
Capitalist Candidates Are Quiet

Sinclair, Creel, Uhl, Others Say Nothing on  
Police Brutality

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 7.—The tense atmosphere in the waterfront strike, has placed on the "spot" the capitalist candidates, now campaigning for various state offices, or having their eyes on important political positions in the near future, but not daring to offend the bosses whom they represent.

Speaking to strikers and strike sympathizers, one soon gets convinced that the workers increasingly see the Communist Party as their only Party. Of all parties, the Communists have been on the firing line every day of the strike, and have not confined themselves to making campaign promises.

It is now virtually unanimous that Governor Merriam's political "goose is cooked", as he is the hero of the reign of terror that has been unleashed on the waterfront. He tried hard to rather shift the buck to Mayor Rossi in San Francisco, hoping that the troops would first be requested, but finally had to send them.

Louise Todd, State Communist Campaign secretary, pointed out the role of the Communists in the strike, in which one of its members was killed and many wounded.

She stated that the silence of most capitalist candidates on the strike, shows that they are in full agreement with the reign of terror, but avoid the risk of losing votes.

"Not a word has come out of Sinclair, who poses as the friend of the workers, altho the first two to be killed in the strike were right in the shadows of his home—in San Pedro."

Creel, Roosevelt Man.

"George Creel, with the view of cashing in on the discredit upon the State Republican administration, does not say a word. Recently when he spoke at a meeting of the Labor Temple, there wasn't even mention of the strike. He is the representative of the Roosevelt administration on the Coast, and we see Roosevelt's role in the strike. He left for a vacation, leaving maters in the hands of the Board which he has appointed. This Board is helping the shipowners in its effort to get arbitration. It is now going to kill time with hearings, while the militia is in control. They have co-operated (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 5.—At a big mass meeting quickly called in the Plaza today to protest the police attack on the workers on the San Francisco waterfront, twenty-five dollars was contributed to send to the striking seamen and longshoremen. The meeting was called by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union. Resolutions were sent by the aroused crowd to Governor Merriam protesting the calling out of the National Guard, and another to Judge Steiger in San Francisco demanding the immediate release of Joe Wilson, imprisoned S. F. organizer of the International Labor Defense, and other workers arrested on framed-up charges.

Yesterday, July 4th, a meeting was held by the Communist Party in the Plaza, and the program of the party in the election outlined. Workers donated \$10 to help the campaign.

San Diego Police Raid Anti-Fascist Movie Showing

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 4.—The police raided and stopped the Film & Foto League's showing of "America 1934" here Saturday night and arrested Siminov and Walter Hines. Anti-fascist pictures were on the screen at the time the picture was stopped, but the police offered as pretext for the arrests some violation of a city ordinance which, in fact, was not applicable. 60 from those in the audience marched through the streets to the police station singing the Internationale and demanded the release of Siminov and Hines. Both are released on bond. At the arraignment on July 2d, the court was packed with workers. The hearing trial has been set for July 26th at 10 a.m. at the police court on 2nd Avenue.

Execution of Scottsboro Boys Set for August 31

I. L. D. Appeals to Roosevelt and to U. S. Supreme Court

Jordan Given Life; Trying to Stem Protest

MEIER HOPES TO QUIET THE DEMAND FOR FREEDOM BY FAKE CONCESSION.

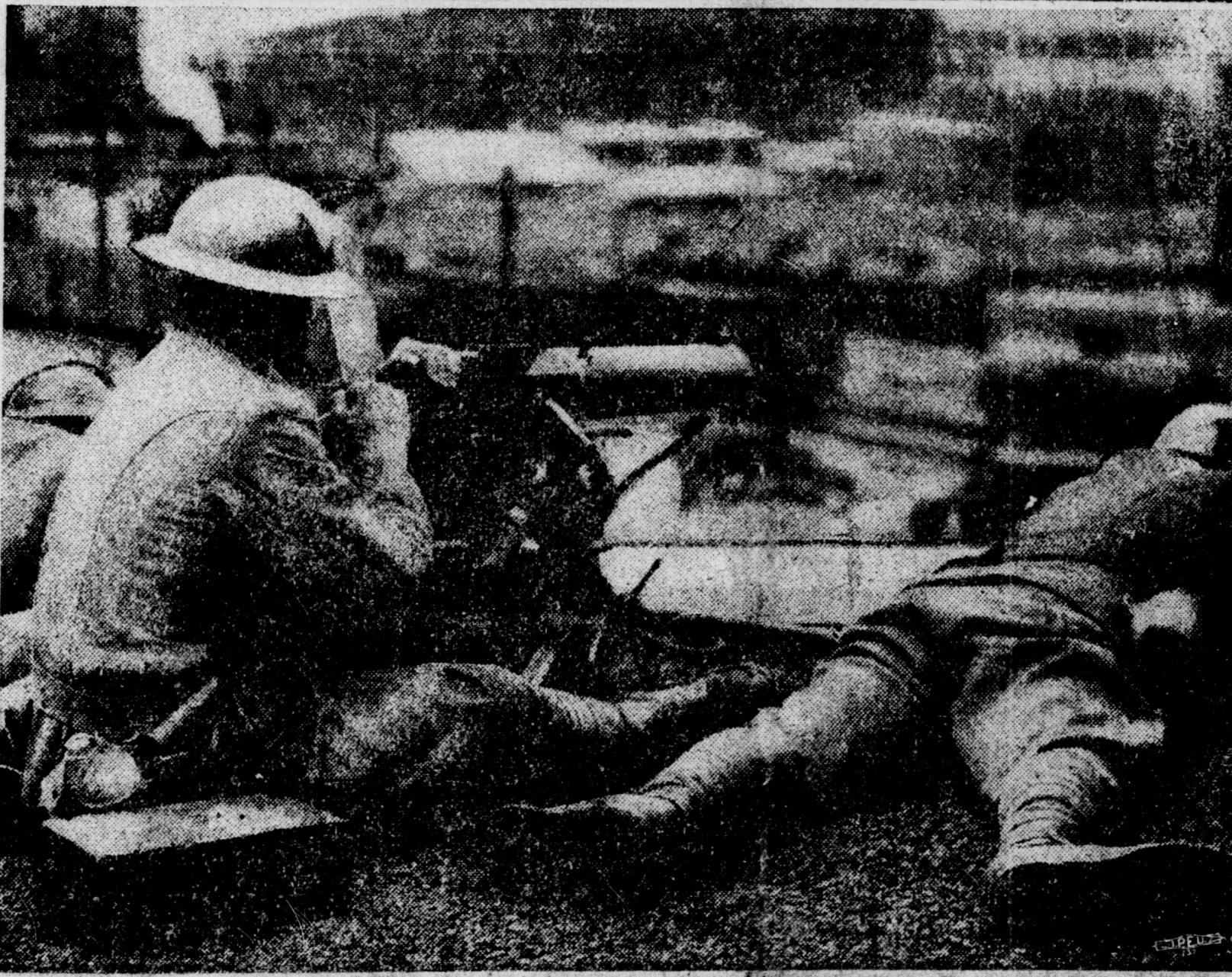
BULLETIN

SALEM, Ore., July 4.—Mass pressure roused by the International Labor Defense, today forced Governor Meier to commute the death sentence of Theodore Jordan, Negro, to life imprisonment.

Thousands of letters and telegrams of protest which the Governor's special investigating commission received, were "taken into account" in commuting the sentence.

The International Labor Defense is continuing the fight, demanding the unconditional release of Jordan. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

## GUARDING THE SHIOPWNERS AND SCABS



National Guardsmen behind a machine gun mounted on the roof of a pier with orders to shoot to kill any strikers seen in this area. But, says Gov. Merriam, the guard is not taking sides.

L. A. Calls United Front Conference for August 1st

PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATION AGAINST WAR TO BE MADE AT JULY 15 MEET

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 7.—Preparations for August 1st as a day of struggle against War and Fascism will be made at a broad united front conference of working-class organizations to be held here Sunday, July 15, at 1 p.m., at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring St.

Following up on the plans laid at the July 1st conference, 100,000 leaflets will be printed, and 20,000 stickers will be distributed to delegates at the conference. A committee is visiting trade unions and cultural groups, calling upon them to join in the struggle against fascism.

The Relief Workers Protective Union is rallying all other unemployed organizations to unite behind the demonstration in the fight for relief and unemployment insurance.

The action of Governor Merriam in calling out the troops to shoot strikers and strike sympathizers in San Francisco has given a tremendous impetus to the spirit of the workers in resisting the growing moves towards fascism which the boss class of California is making.

26 LOCALS WANT GENERAL STRIKE -1600 PACK HALL

CONFERENCE CALLED BY ILA WANTS IMMEDIATE ACTION TO SETTLE STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 7.—"An immediate General Strike" was the voice of delegates representing 26 local AF of L unions at a conference called by the Marine Strike Committee at Eagles Hall.

Sixteen hundred workers took every available inch in the hall, cheering and applauding as delegate after delegate announced his union 100% for immediate strike.

WORKERS! Do as the Longshoremen did. Take matters in your own hands. Follow the action of the Teamsters. Pull your Local out in a sympathetic strike!

Only an immediate GENERAL STRIKE will answer the cold-blooded murder, and save unions with 35,000 members from complete destruction!

THE TEAMSTERS WENT OVER MIKE CASEY'S EFFORT TO STOP THEM. THEY ARE STARTING THE WALK-OUT THURSDAY. GET YOUR UNION TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION. A GENERAL STRIKE WILL FORCE VICTORY!!

## HARRY BRIDGES



Strike Ranks Solid in All Coast Ports

Communist Central Committee Calls for Solidarity Actions in All States

The two-thousand-mile strike front at a glance stood as follows on the 9th week:

In SAN FRANCISCO, 2,000 troops took control of the waterfront after battles which resulted in at least 2 dead and hundreds wounded. The State Belt Line workers joined the strike. Cargo movements through police and militia convoys are insignificant as pickets stop all trucks.

Many more locals are voting for general strike action. A conference of 26 locals was 100% for a general strike. From indications the S. F. Labor Council's effort to head off the general strike will be overwhelmed by the sweep.

In SAN PEDRO, strong sentiment for a general strike, at the Labor Council, referred the matter for a vote, all the local unions. The Fishermen's Union affiliated with the TUUL is already calling its 1200 members out.

In PORTLAND, trains to piers have been stopped. Representatives of 80 locals are meeting Monday to determine general strike action, with a strong possibility in favor.

In SAN DIEGO, the situation has become more tense as police patrol of the waterfront increased following the beating up of several scabs.

In SEATTLE, a striking longshoreman was shot dead by the guard at the Standard Oil docks. Ranks of the workers remain solid and the sentiment for a general strike is increasing.

From the east come reports that New York longshoremen are to consider a general sympathy strike unless Ryan can stop it.

Ryan, International President of the Longshoremen, who was kicked out of the situation here by the strikers, continues with his strikebreaking efforts.

"The Pacific Coast strike," he said, "can never be settled until employers refuse to recognize Harry Bridges, and his strike committee."

The Central Committee of the Fishermen's Union, the largest, with 1200 members, announces that it is ready to join in the strike. The AF of L Rank and File groups are arousing all the locals to general strike action.

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As we go to press, thousands of workers are passing by the bodies of Nick Coundorakis (Bordois) and Howard Sperry killed in Thursday's massacre, to take a last look at their fallen heroes.

Sperry was a war veteran, member of the ILA, while Coundorakis was an active member in the Communist Party, and member of the Cooks Union Local No. 44. All workers will turn out to the funeral on Monday at 1 p.m.

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Workers!! — Farmers!! —  
Register and Vote  
Communist!

Communist Party Calls Workers To Follow Action of Teamsters; San Pedro and Portland Also Act

Coundorakis (Bordois), One of the Workers Killed Thursday, Was Active Communist Party Member

## BULLETINS

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 8.—By a vote of 1221 to 271 the teamsters union of the Bay region, meeting at Dreamland Auditorium voted to come out in general strike Thursday morning, and Casey's efforts were decisively defeated. Thursday was set to give Mike Casey, its president, time to get permission from the International Office and try for a settlement. BUT THURSDAY MORNING IS THE DEAD LINE. A meeting on Wednesday evening will make final arrangements.

At the same moment the Butchers Union, with a membership of 2500 voted in support of the General Strike.

The Communist Party in pointing to the efforts of the S. F. Central Labor Council to head off the general strike sweep, has issued the call to all workers to follow the action of the teamsters, and make the walkout general.

In Oakland Local, the membership likewise voted overwhelmingly for the same action.

Indicating the strong sweep for a general strike in the city, the reactionary president of the Teamsters who did everything in his power to stem the tide, stated:

"I have never in 30 years with the union, seen the members so thoroughly stirred up about anything. I don't believe any power on earth can prevent their going out on strike, unless the marine strike is settled by Thursday. The fact that their vote was against our international laws meant absolutely nothing to me."

Casey threatened the workers that they will lose their strike benefits of \$10.00 a week but of no avail.

When a large mass of workers including women and children gathered at Rincon Hill on Sunday to see the waterfront, the Guardsmen organized themselves in "skirmish formation" and cleared the hill, coming out "victorious". Four machine guns were brought up to follow the sweep.

Among the latest unions to vote for a general strike are the P. G. & E., and Market St. Railway workers. The vote in each case was overwhelming. They both sent delegations to the conference called Saturday by the striking unions.

Edward D. Vandeur, president of the S. F. Central Labor Council in a statement tries to gain confidence among the strikers with the following:

"The longshoremen themselves are a reasonable and orderly group and there are no agitators among them. The men on strike have ejected all known 'reds' and Communists from their ranks."

The Communist Party declared that this is a downright falsehood as there is the same rank and file strike committee now as there was since the very beginning of the strike which has been attacked throughout the strike as 'reds', only that in addition the men have still cleared out such fakers as Ryan, and totally repudiated Lewis and McKenna who have tried so hard to sell them out.

Not a single one of the leaders have been removed from any position. Once at a membership meeting when a motion was made for removal of John Shoemaker, who was always attacked as a Communist, the motion was killed almost unanimously.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 8.—Strong sentiment for a general strike in San Pedro Labor Council, resulted in a general strike vote being referred to all locals here, with almost a certainty that it will be overwhelmingly in favor.

The TUUL unions have issued an immediate call to all affiliated unions to join in the move. The Fishermen's Union, the largest, with 1200 members, announces that it is ready to join in the strike. The AF of L Rank and File groups are arousing all the locals to general strike action.

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# Agricultural Workers Strike Against Calling of Troops

**400 Hayward Cot Pickers on Strike In Solidarity**

**DEMAND TROOPS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT.**

**HAYWARD, Calif., July 7.—**More than 400 agricultural workers, from nine apricot ranches in this area have joined the strike called by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in support of the maritime workers struggle.

After the meeting Thursday night, rallied when news came of the police massacre of workers on the waterfront, a picket line went out yesterday morning and brought out 250 workers on four big ranches. The movement has since grown to 400 strikers, with more coming out today. Main ranches affected are Kings, Tony Ayres, Smith, Jorgenson, Jackson and some of the drying sheds have come out. Even a number of stores in town closed as an expression of sympathy with the strikers.

At a mass meeting last night in the union's hall here 300 workers from San Leandro, Decoto, Russell City and this city voted to spread the strike.

Strike and relief committees were elected and demands for withdrawal of troops from the S. F. waterfront for \$5 an hour for all picking of apricots, pears and other fruit for the remainder of the season, recognition of the union, and for no discrimination against women workers, have been drawn up and will be voted on by a mass meeting tonight.

Hunt Bros. cannery is tied up with all fruit cut off and the strikers are working to spread the strike to include them. A picket line around the cannery is ordered for Monday morning.

Frank James, C&AWIU organizer, was pulled from his car when on his way to Decoto by deputies, badly beaten and then jailed. More than eighty deputy sheriffs have been mobilized and are trying to jail all the leaders.

The union has appealed for funds to be sent at once to help the strikers. Gasoline for autos to maintain the picket lines is particularly needed. Send funds to Workers Center, 645-22nd St., Oakland, Calif.

**Workers Stop Finger Printing at the Relief Office in Stockton**

**STOCKTON, Calif., July 5.—**The Stockton Relief Board tried to finger-print Comrade Feingold whose husband was in jail for his activities in the Brentwood apricot strike, when she asked for relief for her four-month-old baby and her two girls. The workers immediately started to picket the Relief Board in protest.

The Communist Party and the C&AWIU elected a joint committee, who called on the Board of Supervisors to demand that this practice of treating the poor like criminals be stopped and stayed at the board meeting for one hour until the demand was granted. Two years ago the same thing was tried by the Relief Board and was stopped by the protests of the workers.

Comrade Feingold's militant stand in this case attracted so much attention that even the Socialist Party talked about it, but they did nothing but talk.

**Workers Stop Forced Labor Order Sent to 80 Year Old Woman**

**BELLFLOWER, Calif., July 2.—**Mrs. Emeline Carney of 1012 E. Rose St., Bellflower, is 80 years old. Nevertheless Mrs. Carney received a postcard from the county welfare, telling her to report for work on a garden plot or be cut off relief. The Relief Workers' Protective Union saw to it that she wasn't cut off relief.

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**Many Militia Do Not Show Up to Avoid Going To Docks**

**THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO OPEN THE PORT**



With great ballyhoo and police protection, the strikers association Tuesday, July 3, declared they would open the port. The police gave every help, but the result is shown in the lower photo. None of the five trucks out of Pier 38 reached their destination. Notice the revolver and rifle.

**Ranch Co. Fires Two Workers For Demanding Water**

**FIGHT PROVES THAT ONLY ORGANIZED ACTION CAN WIN BETTER CONDITIONS**

**LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 4.—**

I was picking apricots at Montgomery Investment Company in Simi Valley. The day started at 7 and ended at 5. Nine hours for \$2. Last Wednesday by nine o'clock the straw boss still had not brought any water. One fellow there knew I was a Red, so he told others and they all asked me to get water for them. So I asked them if they were scared to ask for water. They all began to clamor. The boss told us that water was on the way. That quieted us for a while, but no water came. So I hollered "I'm thirsty, I can't work", and sat down.

The others sat down too, but they got up again when the straw boss came running up and said "If you can't stand without water now until noon you might as well start walking to the pitting shed and not come back until this afternoon." So I told the fellows we might as well save ourselves the walk and sit down.

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I wanted the fellows to go down with me to see the big shot, but they wouldn't do it. Another fellow and I got fired for taking the initiative. The straw boss told me that the canteen had been lost. But it seems damned funny to me that a company as rich as the Montgomery could not have at least one extra canteen so the workers would not have to wait for a drink of water.

—Young Worker.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)—This young worker came into the office after writing this letter and explained that he was fired when he sat down and announced that he wouldn't work until he got water. He realizes already that he made a mistake in acting individually before the other workers. They were ready to act with him. They were slow because they were not class-conscious. He should have explained that only by acting together could they gain their demand.

**Revolt Among the Redwoods**

By R. J. PEARSALL

administer the code. The sole purpose of the California Redwood Association being to increase profits for the lumber barons, it can of course be trusted to administer the code fairly!

"When proof was furnished the weak-kneed Mr. Lazarus that union men are blacklisted by the association, employment office, and he was forced to question the manager, Bill Timmons, the latter replied boldly:

"I know nothing about the code. I can't see why the companies haven't the right to hire and fire anyone they see fit. If the men don't like it, to hell with them!"

But the Eureka Times quotes Lazarus as saying:

"The lumber companies are abiding by the code quite well."

Such are the conditions. What is the natural result? In every language there is a saying, "Be ware the fury of a patient people". The bosses should take note—but will not.

**RUMBLING REBELLION.**

Everywhere there is the rumbling of rebellion. Everywhere there is the growing realization of the necessity of workers' solidarity. Every day news of the workers' struggles in other cities for the right to live is breaking down the isolation of the Eureka workers.

Last night I attended an entertainment for the benefit of the striking San Francisco waterfront workers, given by the Finnish Federation and Finnish Brotherhood combined. Very significant was this drawing together of the two Finnish organizations to help workers mainly not of their own race. The audience consisted of some three hundred workers of all nationalities, including many farmers. The proceeds—\$44.65—was sent to the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, the most militant of the waterfront unions. There were excellently acted radical plays and recitations in both Finnish and English, and fine music, all contributed by the workers. The writer was invited to speak, and enthusiastic applause, broken through by a wild rebel yell from a militant farmer, greeted his statement that he spoke as a member of the Communist Party.

Yes, things are stirring up here. The C. P. Section is alive and active; the National Lumber Workers Union is growing in the confidence of the workers; more effective than all for their class education is the brutality of the speed-up system, the wage cuts, the relief system, and the chill indifference of the superintendents and the absentee owners.

Workers everywhere should realize that there is no spot, however isolated, where decaying capitalism is not sprouting revolt.

GYPO SYSTEM.

Typical of this is the rent for cabin in the camps. Three men share a cabin; they pay \$4 each month, which pays the entire cost of the cabin in ten years. Their board costs \$1.02 1/2 per day. This together with deductions for hospital insurance, stage fare, etc., leaves even the single men with very few dollars at the end of the week. Even the code minimum is sometimes reduced by the "gypo" or contract system.

In the case of the millworkers, the Bedoux speed-up system, which still further reduces employment, is being introduced, and the earnings are so low that many married men who are steadily employed are forced to apply for relief in order to get food for their families.

A short time ago the militant National Lumber Workers Union complained so vigorously of these and other abuses that NRA Field Adjuster Lazarus was sent to Eureka to investigate. When he complained weakly of the violations, he was told that Roosevelt and Johnson had designated the California Redwood Association to

**500 Wash. Lettuce Workers on Strike For Pay Increase**

**BATTLE STATE POLICE ON PICKET LINES: WERE LED BY C. & A. W. I. U.**

**MONROE, Wash., July 5.—**Despite attacks by a mobilization of state highway police swinging clubs and hurling tear-gas, and several evictions of the strikers from one ranch and town to another, the nearly 500 striking lettuce workers of Frye's farm are still solid in rank and determined to hold until they win.

The strike came as a spontaneous walkout of unorganized workers last week against the 10c an hour paid for field work and a correspondingly low wage for other work. The strikers, mainly young and inexperienced, were immediately given leadership by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and a picket line was formed.

The strikers' demands for 25c an hour for the lowest paid classification and no discrimination against strikers after settlement were turned down by the bosses. After two days the latter offered a compromise of 15c an hour, lowest, pay. This the strikers refused. Then the state police, notorious for their viciousness against striking miners recently in Rainier and Cle Elum, were brought in and attacked the picket lines with tear-gas and clubs. For two days more the pickets held their lines, but unable to get more than moral support from the other workers who were giving all their active support to the marine industry strike in its critical situation, the strikers were concentrated in a camp on property claimed by Frye.

The state police in full force moved them and the strike headquarters and kitchen was put on another piece of land with the owners consent. At 4:30 in the morning, again the police mobilized and threatened an attack with in half an hour. Surrounded on three sides by woods and under brush, the situation was hopeless. Then the state police, notorious for their viciousness against striking miners recently in Rainier and Cle Elum, were brought in and attacked the picket lines with tear-gas and clubs. For two days more the pickets held their lines, but unable to get more than moral support from the other workers who were giving all their active support to the marine industry strike in its critical situation, the strikers were concentrated in a camp on property claimed by Frye.

Friday night a meeting was called here, the strike committee reorganized, and a plan of action laid. Paul Butts, Communist candidate for Sheriff of Snohomish County, offered full support of the Party. Relief Workers Protective Assn., International Labor Defense, National Lumber Workers and the International Longshoremen Assn., all gave greetings and offered support.

Next morning at 4:30 a new picket line formed and marched to the Frye farm. They were again met with a gas attack by police. A new kitchen was established on the property of a sympathetic farmer, and after two days of the police terrorizing the farmer, the strike headquarters were set up in this town, on land of a man who refuses to be intimidated by the bulls.

Through all this the strikers, though starting new in struggle, are holding fast and the spirit is high for victory.

**Merced United Farmers League Takes Up Case**

**MERCED, Calif., June 28.—**The membership of the United Farmers League of Stevenson, Hilmar and Livingston met in the Portuguese Pentecost Hall in Stevenson Sunday afternoon June 24. A large committee of 14 was elected to prepare the case of J. E. Mount, who is up before the Superior Court in Merced on September 6. He is being charged with removal of furniture from his own home in Hilmar.

The committee is sending a delegation to the International Labor Defense for advice and counsel, since it was realized by all that only the ILD defends and helps the workers and small farmers in court.

—Merced Farmer.

**SERA Job Workers Face Repetition of Griffith Park Fire**

**LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 3.—**Flat refusal of Earl Jensen, relief czar, to reinstate William Anderson on an SERA job from which he had been fired for "Communistic activities" was beaten here by joint committees from the Relief Workers Protective Union and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. Anderson was accused of distributing leaflets on a road job near Glen Oaks, north of Glendale.

Seeing this action, Jensen had Anderson reinstated.

Because of the dry weather, workers on this job are fearful of a repetition of the Griffith Park fire disaster. In spite of terrible cost in human life, for which no compensation was paid, the charity racketeers are leaving this SERA job with little or no equipment for combatting fire.

Yesterday 300 youth attended the July 4 encampment of the Youth Section at Griffith Park. Twelve anti-fascist action drill squads, with 150 participating, were organized for the occasion.

The morning was devoted to round table discussions: National Minorities and Fascism, led by Lillian Jones; Students and Fascism, led by George Green; Young Workers and Fascism, led by Jack Moore; and War and Fascism, led by Lou Miller.

The afternoon was devoted to drill, sports, and a talk with Dorothy Zadow, organizer of the Youth Section of the American League Against War and Fascism.

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# TRADE UNION NOTES

**Oakland Waiters Go On Strike for Pay Raise, 5-Day Week**

**MWIU Hall In Pedro Raided, Two Jailed; 7 Pickets Arrested**

**OAKLAND, Calif., July 1.—**Cooks, waiters, waitresses and dishwashers of four restaurants came out on strike yesterday for the demands adopted by Local 31, (AF of L) including an increased wage scale and five-day week.

The action was held up for some time since the membership voted to struggle for their demands, while the officials dickered with the bosses. Finally, however, the demands were presented to the restaurants and some of them signed the agreement at once.

Picketing is being conducted before the struck restaurants, and the membership is determined to win its fight.

One result of the dickering, resulting in many of the dishwashers realizing they must depend upon themselves rather than officials in winning the strike, is that the scale set for them has been cut from the \$3 a day that the membership voted as their demand to \$2.69, when the officials finally drew up the demands in the agreement presented to the bosses.

**Building Trades League Fights for Unemployed**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 6.—**At the regular meeting of Division No. 1004 of the streetcar men a delegate from the longshoremen addressed the membership asking them to support the fight of the workers on the waterfront by voting for a general strike. The enthusiastic reception he got by the men showed they were for it strong, particularly since the police murdered a number of workers on the front.

P. J. O'Brien, 2nd vice president from the International office, told the men there is no such thing as strike in the AF of L as arbitration is considered the best way to settle wage disputes, but so great was the sentiment of the men that he decided to add that in this case there seemed to be only one way out and that was to have a general strike.

Another meeting has been called for 8:30 tonight, and everybody will be present and the vote will be taken, but the sentiment of the men is to join the many other union locals that are for a general strike.

**Unit Shop Bulletin Queers Standard Oil Co. Union Meet**

**Pedro Maritime Federation's Aims Against MWIU**

**RICHMOND, Calif., July 4.—**As a result of the leaflet circulated by the Standard Oil unit of the Communist Party here, only 20 per cent of the workers attended the meeting called by the company union last Thursday night.

The Company is getting scared stiff at the growing militancy of the workers here in resisting the rotten conditions. The place is a walking arsenal, with some 200 armed scab herders patrolling the place night and day.

The "Employees' Association" is the answer which the company is attempting to make to the demand for a rank and file controlled union.

The "Agitator", a shop paper of the Standard Oil Unit, was issued Thursday morning and distributed at the refinery gates, calling upon all workers to boycott the meeting. As a result of six months of consistent appearance, most of the workers here watch eagerly for the appearance of the paper, and definitely look to it for leadership. The "Agitator" takes up not only issues coming up in the shop, but consistently explains to the workers the meaning of the Party



# Unity of Unions, General Strike, Will Win, Says Hudson in Speech

## SINCLAIR and Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 2.—The 4,000 people who came to the Shrine Auditorium to find out more about Upton Sinclair's program, were entertained with jokes about British and Hollywood royalty, an Eisenstein film "Death Day", a Negro quartet and Rumba dances, but they found out little if anything about Sinclair's program.

True, Sinclair spoke, and his one-act play "Depression Island" was presented, but he spoke more about the movie celebrities who were in the audience than about his so-called "way-out". "The American people are dumb," Sinclair said, "and I found that they will not listen to anything so long as you wave a flag."

Apparently, Sinclair is out to capture the "dumb bells" with Rumba dances and Hollywood celebrities.

One thing is obvious, Mr. Sinclair is not waiting for his "Epic" to take himself out of the depression. He has over 100,000 feet of Eisenstein film, the film which he called "wasted", but out of which he has made "Death Days" and will make other pictures to finance his campaign.

### The Grand Entrance.

Sinclair's "Depression Island", a very poor play, is about three men lost on an island. They shake dice to see who shall own the island and the ocean. The winner sets out to exploit Smith and Bing. Then comes the depression, and an election in which Smith is elected. He sets out to put Sinclair's program into action but the owner of the island refuses to obey him. Says Smith: "You will . . ." Says the owner: "You won't!"

"You will—" "I won't"—you will!" And after this keeps up for a while the master of ceremonies Lewis Browne comes out and says "What's the matter—how long will this? I will—I won't business go on?" Then the director of the play comes out and says, "Well, perhaps the author can tell us."

Shouts of "Author! Author!" Atme couldn't have thought of a better build-up for one of her entrances.

Well, Sinclair, who has all this time been sitting in the \$1,63 seats behind Charlie Chaplin comes to the stage and miracle of miracles—what happens?

Sinclair opens up his speech with "I was sitting behind Charlie Chaplin and asked him how he liked the play. He said he thought it a good object lesson. How about it Charlie?" There is a pause—then "Yes" from Chaplin.

"And how did you like it Bob?" Sinclair asks his friend Bob Wagner, the movie critic.

—PAUL LARSON.

## Relief Fighter L. A. Delegate to Paris Anti-War Meet

RICHMOND, Calif., July 1.—The fascist leaders of the American Legion are starting a campaign to "curb Communism." It is only the bosses and the boss controlled "leaders" in this outfit who are behind this move for most of the rank and file of the Legion are becoming class conscious, largely due to the miserable handling of the veterans in the last few years. The refusal of the bonus payment, the cuts in compensation, the refusal of hospitalization, the cut in burial allowance and various veterans benefits are rapidly awakening a whole lot of the veterans to the fact that they are being used as tools. The Veterans of Foreign Wars here, following the lead of the Communist Party, sent a committee to the City Council demanding that strike-breakers and armed guards be taken from the city docks. The time is passing when the bosses can call upon the veterans to do their dirty work. They are beginning to see that a workers' and farmers' government is the only one for the mass of people.

—Overseas Veteran.

## Bremerton Yard Communist Unit Issues Paper

BREMERTON, Wash., June 23.—The Bremerton Navy Yard Unit has just put out its first shop paper. We issued about 1,000 copies and they were very well received by the workers. Of all those issued, only one was thrown away, and that was immediately gathered up by a young school boy, carefully read, folded and put in his pocket.

There was little comment by the workers on the papers, but this is explained by the isolation of this yard from other workers. We are located about an hour's ride from Seattle, and most of the workers live out on stump ranches.

Our unit has been formed for about eight months, has had good meetings, and is now preparing to start some real action.

—Bremerton Navy Yard Unit.

**WORKERS in ALL towns!!** Send in stories of your conditions to the W. W. — no other paper will print the truth about bad working conditions, etc.

## 1600 Pack Eagle's Hall to Hear MWIU Head Speak



Roy Hudson

(Below we reprint the speech of Roy Hudson, General Secretary of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, now touring coast cities).

I speak not as one who has participated in the struggle, but as an onlooker. But I think that I can speak for tens of thousands of seamen and longshoremen on the east coast who know that this strike on the west coast is paving the way onward to a national strike.

This is the demagogic by which Sinclair tries to fool the workers into supporting the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and explains his failure to fight against it. He

claims the fact that such laws are aimed against the workers and will not and cannot be used against them.

He says nothing about the vagrancy laws used to make criminals out of the unemployed, to break strikes, and all efforts of workers to defend themselves against persecution.

He chooses to forget the two striking longshoremen have been killed, not for trying to get the "island", but for merely trying to get better conditions.

He says not a word about Tom Mooney or about the coming war.

Sinclair's keynote for workers' consumption is "You and me we're not going to have any fighting at all." Of course, when the capitalist and their bloody thugs, fight "you", smash your organizations, drive down your wages, living standards and standards of relief, that's your "new deal", and what "you" should do is VOTE FOR "ME". Sinclair because I'm for the "New Deal" and they're not going to fight "me".

—PAUL LARSON.

One thing that the workers on the east coast have watched with interest is the part of the unemployed in this strike, and they have learned that the millions of unemployed will not stand out the strike. They have been one of the main allies of the strikers.

This unity of workers is especially outstanding in this respect. The workers on the waterfront are still in various different organizations, originally intended to keep them separate. There is

a United Front on the picket line of the members of an AF of L union and the fighting members of the revolutionary MWIU.

The question of unity at this time is one of the vital questions confronting us in the struggles of all workers.

**SOME TRICKS HERE.**

One main thing about the strike to the working class generally is this: every method used by the bosses and the government to smash the auto strike, every combination and tactic used in the past, has been used here and has not defeated us. This is due primarily to the fact that the seamen and longshoremen have learned from other struggles what the role of the government and the NRA is, and were able to defeat the maneuvers.

It is a mistake to say that nothing has been gained so far.

Many things have been gained. And one of the most important victories is that we sent Ryan back where he came from. We kept control of our strike. And we learned in the course of the struggle that the MWIU was correct in saying from the first " Beware of Ryan".

But Ryan is only one of many, a worker after worker has pointed out. We must be on guard. What was done to Ryan must be done to others, and the sooner we do it the better it will be.

These things, the role of these people, is especially shown by acts on the East Coast. The seamen and longshoremen are in sympathy with the strike on the west coast. It will be asked, "Why haven't they struck?"

The ISU officials did nothing to extend the strike. And when Ryan was in San Francisco, he phoned long-distance to New York and told the men to go back to work, that they couldn't break their agreement. The lack of organization and unity, the treachery of officials, is the main reason why more struggles have not developed. The MWIU has done everything to extend the strike, and tonight it looks as if the workers were responding.

**RYAN TO THE "RESCUE".**

Now Ryan is saying that he is considering calling out the longshoremen in the east. After two months he is considering this. Maybe he learned a lesson and reformed. No, fellow workers, yesterday, when he knew of the Battle of Rincon Hill, when he learned that the MWIU had issued a general strike call, the pressure from below, the pressure of the rank and file compelled Ryan to maneuver.

One phase of the strike we must emphasize, one of our main weaknesses. Yesterday when I walked past the picket line, I saw a sign saying "Strike". Agree with that. Down below it said, "We're 100% behind Roosevelt and the NRA".

I couldn't agree. We are 100% behind what the NRA is supposed to give us. But this is a strike against the NRA. The

longshoremen and seamen, after months of promises about a code, after months of waiting for the Blue Book to be done away with, and for the recognition of the ILA, have concluded that if we want a code we'll have to write it.

Now we have a presidential committee, composed of three of a kind. They will do everything to crush us. We have learned that we don't have to look for an impartial person. The working class has so much power—when they are organized—that we don't need any other.

**STRIKE IN HIGHER STAGE.**

The first stage of the strike has passed. In that first stage the shipowners tried to defeat the struggle by arbitration, by the NRA, by Ryan, by other labor leaders. But they couldn't defeat us. Now we have gone into a new stage. The shipowners have fallen back on the armed forces of the state, saying, "Now we will open the port by force". They are trying now to crush the strike.

They hope force will accomplish what Ryan couldn't, but it won't. The strike will end—in defeat for the bosses. Our strike has been strong. We must go forward, we must strengthen our ranks, we must gain more power, we must strengthen our United Front. It is the working class against the shipowners, Rossini, the government.

Our ranks are united, but where are our vocal spots? We must strengthen our ranks, and bring in more forces. As yet we have unity on the picket lines, in fighting the cons, unity in struggle. But we have not got a united front controlled by the rank and file and including ALL unions. We must overcome this or it will be a wedge to divide our ranks.

One group of seamen does something without regard for what other groups of seamen are doing. And "other" groups of seamen are striking under the MWIU. All seamen must be consulted in the proposals that are made. The main reason for the proposals that have been made is deliberately to weaken the position of the longshoremen. How? The shipowners would be able to tell the striking longshoremen that the ISU men are willing to settle, why won't you be reasonable?

**OFFICIALS OPPOSE UNITY.**

We must have unity and rank-and-file control. Who is opposed to unity? The rank and file? No. It is the leaders who have been exposed here tonight. The LA strike committee is 100% in favor of an inclusive united front. The ISU officials say that we have a dual union, but the truth is that when the ILA fought for recognition, there is only one way through action with all unions for the recognition of all unions in the strike.

**DON'T LEAVE TO LEADERS.**

They say that the MWIU is radical. But what is the real policy of the ISU officials? They tell you that you will only get what the leaders can win for you by collective bargaining. This means that you organize, elect leaders, and then let your leaders convince the shipowners by reasoning. Their program is not striking as you are doing.

Here is the program of the MWIU. Better wages, better conditions and union recognition must be won through mass power. The workers have only labor power, and our power lies in withholding our labor. We must organize to fight the shipowners—the police—the militia—Rossini—Roosevelt. They are our enemies, as we have learned through our struggles, through our dead. If we are reds, then yesterday, there are many more reds on the waterfront.

They will tell you that the MWIU is a Communist Party union. This is not correct. It is not controlled by nor affiliated with the Communist Party.

There is no organizational connection. The MWIU takes workers of all political opinions, from Republican down to Communist, but it is not a political party, and it is not affiliated with a political party.

**PROPOSES UNITY MOVE.**

I propose that tomorrow the members of all the seamen's unions demand that the question of unity be discussed in their organizations, and that a joint membership meeting of all seamen be called by Sunday. If the officials refuse, let us call a rank and file meeting and get together in spite of them.

The establishment of such a united front gives us more power. Unity means that we agree on our demands, our leadership, our methods of conducting the strike. It doesn't mean that the various unions don't attempt to build up their unions and recruit members. Quite the contrary.

But we must remember that the history of the ISU officials is one of betrayal. Does a leopard change its spots? The program and leadership of the ISU today is the same as it was in 1921. You have the problem of carrying on a struggle against the leadership and bringing a new program into the ISU.

The MWIU has participated in every struggle, it stands for unity and it is controlled by the rank and file. You should join the union of your own choice. For seamen, that should be the MWIU.

Go ahead in the struggle for the establishment of a united front, build up a fighting organization in the course of the strike. Murders do not stop our struggle. Monday we will demonstrate that we will continue the fight that other workers have died for.

Our ace in the hole—the ace in the hole of the working class—must be an answer to the bosses' attacks with a general strike. This must be done by the rank and file. Local after local is going on record as being in favor of a general strike. Demonstrate at the Central Labor Council. Go forward to a rank and file conference and make a decision for a general strike.

With these victories scored, plans for organizing in other towns of the county must be made. Above all the organizations must be kept within the control of the rank and file and not be allowed to be used merely by politicians or self-seekers.

Any workers or farmers interested in forming such groups get in touch with the Secretary of the Countywide Labor and Relief Workers' Organization, San Bernardino Labor Temple, corner of 4th and D Streets, San Bernardino.

## PROTECTING LIVES



One of the (shipowners') finest, shooting at unarmed workers in "Bloody Thursday" on the waterfront.

## COMMUNISTS EVERYWHERE.

There are Communists everywhere. I have an idea that you will find them in Andy's outfit or in Ryan's. This issue is only raised to confuse and divide the workers, and prevent the establishment of a united front. We must reject these lies, but not in the sense of an attack or because we condemn Communists. This woman's husband (pointing to the wife of Com. Coudreka, who was killed on Thursday) is only one of many Communists who died in the front ranks of the strike.

The members of every trade union can honestly say that the Communist Party is the only party that has given the workers leadership, support and has stood behind them at every turn.

These are the arguments that confuse the rank and file, but they are afraid to bring them into the open. If you analyze them, there is no reason for the prevention of the establishment of a united front.

Here are the arguments that the MWIU uses to fight the shipowners—the police—the militia—Rossini—Roosevelt. They are our enemies, as we have learned through our struggles, through our dead. If the officials will come along, all right. But if we can't have unity with them, then we will have a united front without them.

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## The MAIL BOX

F. T., San Diego—Is there such a thing as black chauvinism?

The analysis you write on this point is essentially correct. The term "black chauvinism" is sometimes erroneously used to denote the nationalistic reformist expressions among the Negro people.

These are usually exaggerations in seeing white chauvinism, or other difficulties to unity between Negro and white workers;

efforts to imitate the white ruling class, catering to them for privileges and political jobs; failing to see that the struggle of the Negro people is bound up with the struggles of the working class as a whole; illusions of a "black empire", etc.

In the Party's ability to lead the masses, is established through championing all their immediate needs. The elections offer us a splendid opportunity to acquaint the workers with the Party's program and demands; it is an excellent means for exposing the fraudulent capitalist democracy, and helps the Party reach many other fine advantages.

So the "investment" is the best we could make.

A. RYAN of Los Gatos, protests the "scurrilous reflections of typical bourgeois snobbery" which he characterizes as being in the report on the waterfront strike in San Francisco on July 2 which reads:

"Indicating the type of people who are available as scabs, a strikebreaker known as Bay Morton, who got killed when he fell down the hatch of the steamer Bradenberger, was identified at the



## Teamsters Vote General Strike

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Despite the NRA, SERA, AAA, TWA and what have you, the IOC is the only one that grows wider in use. \* \* \* \*

An old man, seeing a small newsboy laden down with "Examiners" on a downtown corner, asked: "Don't all those papers make you tired?" "Yeah," the kid replied, "they never tell the truth." \* \* \* \*

"What's all the rice on the streets for?" a newcomer down by the depot on Third St. asked last Tuesday, "a big wedding?"

"Sure," responded a picket who was helping stop any movement of the rice on trucks from the piers. A wedding between Rossi and the Industrial Association. \* \* \* \*

### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"The National Guard represents no class, serves no faction and takes no sides." —Gov. Merriam.

And of course, the orders to "Shoot to kill" issued to the guardsmen against the strikers apply equally to the shipowners? And also to the thugs running around committing acts of violence so strikers can be blamed?

"Little Rose Carmen was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., with the impression of the Blue Buzzard on her forehead, according to the newspapers. Which is quite unusual," writes D. M. "It generally affects their stomachs."

Who says the San Francisco fathers don't have the interests of the workers at heart? Haven't they just spent \$50,000 for a new house for the more militant of them, across the line in San Mateo County? And anybody who would point out that the more than 60,000 unemployed could put to better use the \$14 each that that new jail amounts to is as downright ungrateful as are those hungry ones who complain about \$193,328 spent by the city for Chamber of Commerce pamphlets and similar ballyhoo. \* \* \* \*

"Millions are dying of hunger in China this year all because men are too lazy to think," declares Krishnuruti, the Hindu "Second Coming of Christ".

Apparently, from this, the boy hasn't been around much, or he would have also heard of the 100,000,000 in China who are refusing to starve and aren't "too lazy to think", and fight, and work building Red China.

Revolution, according to the Daughters of the American Revolution, is something that's all wrong until a century after it is won.

What would you call the right wing of the "Socialist" party when Mayor Hoan of Milwaukee, who last week used police and armed guards to break the street car men's strike, is one of their "left wing"?

### Congressman of San Mateo Is For Fascism

SAN MATEO, Calif., July 2.—At a gathering of workers here on Sunday evening, July 1, John McGrath, Congressman from the 8th Congressional District, admitted that he was a Fascist. "In the last session of Congress," he said, "things ran very smoothly for Roosevelt because he used the following procedure to pass his legislation: He appointed a committee of Roosevelt men to report on a bill, a Roosevelt man introduced it on the floor, and debate was limited. The day the bill is to be introduced, I am called on the phone and instructed to fight for it."

McGrath compared Mussolini with Roosevelt, and when asked directly if he believed in Fascism, he answered "Yes". —San Mateo Worker.

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## "Free Thaelmann!" S. F. Workers Demand Tuesday

### Vote Communist!

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SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 8.—Altho having one thousand people at their disposal, Mayor Rossi and the Industrial Assn. failed to open the port of San Francisco, and finally two thousand troops have been called in as a friend of labor got elected as Supervisor. Louise Todd stated:

"Adolph Uhl is another example of the type of boss candidate who gets elected by making an appeal of being for the workers. Now he sits saying nothing, pleased at Mayor Rossi's sanction of police brutality and so committing political suicide. Uhl, however, dares not raise his voice in protest, for he is a member of the Industrial Association which is responsible for the murderous police attack on the strikers. It is a proven fact that his firm, Uhl Bros., contributed \$500 to the \$1,152,000 fund collected to break the seamen's strike in 1921."

—Socialists Discover Strike.

Milen Dempster, candidate of the "Socialist" party, created an amusing incident today when after eight weeks the Socialist party had taken no notice of the strike now when he sees the militia ordered out sent distributors of a protest leaflet to the meeting of labor unions at Eagles Hall this afternoon. The leaflet worried about use of state property in Los Angeles being unfair competition to Northern California bosses. The strikers all laughed, asking where he had been during all the strike, while others commented on the color of the leaflet—yellow paper.

"Throughout the fight the Communist Party has sent its best forces to give every aid to the strike, placed its paper, the "Western Worker" at the disposal of the strikers, and sent hundreds of its members to augment the picket lines," Louise Todd continued. "It has actively helped their struggle by constantly exposing the many tricks of the fakers and the boss press, by street meetings, the Western Worker and by leaflets. Its candidates in all parts of the state have been active in building this support."

With July 19th the last day for registrations, the Party is urging all sympathetic workers to register Communist to swell the vote at the primaries. All units are making a drive to increase the number of Communist registrations.

In all cities special election street meetings and indoor meetings are being held. Los Angeles section is printing 50,000 special folders, while there, as in all sections the 250,000 copies of the Manifesto of the Party and the 250,000 California platforms are to be given special distribution. To help finance the campaign a concert of prominent musicians will be held at the Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring St., July 22.

In San Diego a big mass rally at 852 8th Ave., Friday, July 13, will open the campaign.

**S. F. Labor Council Helps Bosses.**

But the trump card put forth by the shipowners and Governor Merriam in this instance proved to be the S. F. Labor Council. Its meeting on Friday elected a "Labor Strategy Committee" of seven in answer to the demand from all sides that an immediate general strike call be issued. In the election of the committee, a general impression was given that this is a move towards possible general strike action. However it proved exactly the reverse as the chairman of the committee, Vandeleur, announced. He stated:

"We are not considering a general strike at all. What we are trying to do is to go in and adjust this thing, to try to get employers to see questions in a different light than they have in the past."

Their first act will be to appear before the President's Arbitration Board and to give the Board a clear exposition of labor's principles and the issues involved in the present controversy."

There is no danger of a general strike at this time nor is a general strike contemplated".

The personnel of the committee is further evidence that this is another try to succeed in splitting the workers and force arbitration where the long series of fakers have thus far failed. They are John O'Connell, Secretary of the Labor Council, Dan Hagger, president of the Machinists, Vandeleur, president of the Council, Chas. Derry, editor of the "Clarion", Frank Brown of the Molders, George Kidwell of the Bakery drivers and Maxwell of the Butchers. All well-known as the worst misleaders in the ranks of the unions.

Was Opposed to Strike From Start.

The S. F. Labor Council, which from the start was opposed to the strike of the Longshoremen and in fact, its secretary voted to approve the "Blue Book" company union as the bona-fide organization of the longshoremen, provides the following in the resolution adopted:

The Committee is to INVESTIGATE the general situation arising from the strike, and advise the labor movement; it is to consult with the strike leaders on a "common program"; and in view of charges made that the strikers are led by "people opposed to the policies of the AF of L", this committee is to investigate so that the Council will issue a public statement on its views.

Particularly the last point indicates that its object is to take the issue as an opportunity not to help the strikers but to continue its anti-red drive launched two weeks ago with a resolution

## 2 MORE WEEKS!! Then-

### The Semi-Weekly Western Worker Begins!

The best fighter we can have in the election campaign will be this working-class paper, coming out with twice the strength to combat the lies of the bosses, helping to fight the struggles of the workers, showing how the Communist Party and its candidates lead those struggling in all sections. Show how the Communist Party is helping the waterfront fight — and every other fight!

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Increase your bundle orders!! Swell the number of subscriptions!!

Get the Western Worker to every voter!

### Greet the First Semi-Weekly Issue

Send in your greeting to this new advance of the working-class movement in the west. Greeting lists have been sent to all sections to help raise the guarantee fund! Individuals, organizations, shop and farm groups—send in your greetings to your paper! All greetings must be in by July 26.

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### BUILD THE WESTERN WORKER!

Many comrades are showing fine examples of how to boost the Western Worker. In San Francisco, Comrade Sedeman alone sold over 200 copies at meetings last week. Comrade Herman on Friday sold 142 to workers at a meeting; Saturday at the general strike meeting, Comrade DuJean sold 15. Follow their step!

### The First Issue on August First will have many special features!!

ANTI-WAR ARTICLES FOR AUGUST FIRST AND MANY OTHER SURPRISE FEATURES

### 26 Locals Meet

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gates of 26 unions declared their overwhelming majority. One delegate expressed himself: "Our men ready for instant action by union has voted 100% for a general strike. And we're ready right now. What we don't approve of is all this monkeying around. Let's go!"

"All labor leaders who oppose a general strike at this time," said a representative of the Teamsters Union, "are labor fakers and should be driven out of organized labor." His statement was received with thundering applause.

Representatives of all marine unions now on strike addressed the conference stressing the true situation on the waterfront as opposed to the false statements printed in all capitalist papers. Delegates demanded a general strike for the protection of their own unions. "This strike is no longer a matter of the waterfront alone," was the opinion voiced by almost every speaker.

The armed attack of the bosses on the longshoremen threatens the existence of every union, not only in S. F. but in the entire U. S. A.

Members of the marine unions detailed descriptions of the ruthless police attack of last Thursday and of the cold-blooded murder of workers who were struggling for decent conditions.

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"Here is what Gillenwater was really protecting the lynch courts from experiencing. About two months ago Mary Gold, Secretary of the Portland Section of the ILD, held a mass meeting of over 600 in Klamath Falls, exposing the whole frame-up. She charged Gillenwater, Judge Duncan and the Sheriff, who were in the crowd, with railroad. The workers present realized the significance of the Jordan case, and pledged themselves to crowd the courtroom the day Jordan was to be resented, demanding the immediate safe release of the innocent Negro worker.

Every man in the hall stood silently for one minute in honor of the dead. All unions were requested to close their halls for a period of two hours on Monday in respect to their fallen comrades.

It was also suggested that all workers lay down their tools for one hour at one o'clock on Monday, which is the time of the funeral.

A representative of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union announced that his union had voted 100% to support the general strike.

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## Editorial Column

### Howard Sperry-Nick Coundorakis

Howard Sperry and Nick Coundorakis, died as brave soldiers. They fell in the struggle against capitalist misery for the right to live. They were murdered at the hands of the shipowners and their government.

Sperry, a world war veteran, was fortunate to return after "saving the world for democracy", but he fell at the hands of the very democracy which he helped to "save".

Coundorakis, or Fordois, as he was more commonly known, was a member of the Communist Party, and of the Cooks Local No. 44. He was one of the most active workers in the Party. The strike found him in the forefront ranks. He answered the call of the Communist Party for wholehearted support to the strikers. And he certainly put all he had into it. On Memorial Day when Rossi's police let loose the worst blood bath up to that time, he was one of those most seriously injured. But he was soon back on the firing line. On "Bloody Thursday" from early morning he was already in the Rincon Hill battle. But they finally got him in the massacre in front of the I. L. A. Hall. Shot through the back.

Coundorakis was not a "nationally known red", just from New York" as the detective, Duella, told the press. He was a devoted rank and file worker in the Party. Many workers know him as organizer of the Tom Mooney Branch of the International Labor Defense, a member of the Greek Spartacus Club, and a member of the Cooks and Waiters Union.

It is to be very much regretted that in the leaflet issued by the funeral arrangements committee of the strikers, a small footnote is given telling who Comrade Coundorakis (Bordois) was. But nothing is said of him as a member of the Communist Party. In the leaflet he is a "visitor" on the front. He was in strike activity every day. He knew that his duty as a Communist was to take part in all struggles of the workers.

He died so that families of longshoremen and seamen will have the right to a decent living. Such retreat—fear to acknowledge that a Communist died for the cause of the longshoremen—is unpardonable.

The workers of California will never forget these two brave fighters. They gave their lives so that thousands of workers and their families may have the right to organize and live as human beings.

Their devotion and sacrifice will stand out as an example to every worker. It will help thousands to realize that we are all in a class struggle—a battle between those who toil and those who exploit. Between these classes there can be no peace. The workers will answer the cold steel of the bosses with more effective organization and more determined militancy, for a new social order, in which labor shall rule.

It is precisely this that our fallen comrades would want us to accomplish to avenge the murder—so that their lives will not have been lost in vain.

### I. L. D. Organizer Workers Pack L. A. Wilson Framed on Court for Trial of Contempt Charge Six Unemployed

ODIN LEE GIVEN 90 DAYS BY JUDGE STEIGER; TO APPEAL BOTH CASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 6.—Joe Wilson, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, was today sentenced to five days in jail by Judge Steiger for contempt of court charges for sending a telegram from the ILD demanding release of four maritime strikers two weeks ago. The four were subsequently released, but Wilson, held on these charges and others of conspiracy to obstruct justice, was kept on \$10,000 bail.

A writ of habeas corpus gotten by the ILD was turned down by the Superior Court when Malloy, head of the Red Squad came into court with a complaint that he lyingly declared Judge Dunne had signed. Dunne, when apprised of the matter, denied ever having seen the complaint, much less signing it and so the framed charges of conspiracy were dropped.

Angered at this, Steiger yesterday sentenced Wilson to five days. Not daring to make it any more because of the flood of protests similar to Wilson's own which had come in, but he was determined to set a legal precedent denying the right of protest to workers.

The ILD Monday will bring in a writ demanding Wilson's freedom, and charges are being prepared against both Malloy and Judge Steiger to bring them before the Grand Jury for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Odin Lee, Chinese worker, was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Steiger on framed charges of vagrancy following his arrest distributing the Communist Party Manifesto. When Lee proved he was regularly employed and no vagrant, the fastidiously dropped him as a Communist and associating with Communists. The ILD is appealing for funds to appeal these two frame-ups.

### 800 at Portland ILD Anniversary

PORLTAND, Ore., July 2.—Over 800 workers took part in a mass demonstration at Plaza Park on June 18, the ninth anniversary of the International Labor Defense.

In Portland, committees were elected to visit the District Immigration Office demanding the release of the seven, Romanov, held for 5 months in the county jail on the investigation of the immigration department. The committee also went to the German Consul, with a resolution demanding the release of Ernst Thaelmann.

In the evening a rally was held at the Italian Federation Hall, with a program of speakers, entertainment and refreshments. All proceeds were used for the relief of political prisoners.

### HOW QUINN'S POLICE PREVENT BLOODY SHED



Howard Sperry and Olsen, as they lay on the sidewalk, shot down by police Thursday. Sperry died and Olsen is in a dying condition. The attack, made without the slightest provocation, killed two.

### "LAW & ORDER" ON BLOODY THURSDAY

#### IN THE MAY 30 FIGHT



Nick Coundorakis, Communist Party member, indicated by arrow, was among those beaten by the police on the waterfront May 30th.

the workers a taste of this "independence", during the day to follow.

The newspapers screamed out with stories of strike's atrocities and the "helplessness" of the police, and cried for the National Guard. Governor Merriam declared that if there is the slightest interference with State operated property, the National Guard would be called.

An idea of the atmosphere created was the wide publicity given to a story of an anti-paralysis serum consigned to the Hawaiian Islands in two of the railroad cars, but held up by the brutal strikers. Many people do not know that the population of the Hawaiis is only a little over 300,000.

Early Thursday morning saw thousands of workers already on duty to see to it that the threat to move cars to the Matson docks should not be carried out. Suddenly without the slightest provocation two squad cars came up, and without a word, threw gas bombs in the midst of the strikers. The workers ran towards Rincon Hill across the wide open way. After a considerable time, the street-car company men arrived to clear the track.

#### One Truck Reaches Third St.

Third St. looked like a snowstorm hit it. One would never imagine that a truck load of rice could be scattered for two blocks. It soon became clear to the Industrial Assn. that the thousand police were inadequate for moving cargo. They boasted at the end of the day that 18 round-trips were made, and released a ridiculous story, which became the joke of the town, that the five demolished trucks were not even effected by the strike. But thousands of pairs of eyes testified that they were.

The police certainly got the worst of the fighting on that day although they resorted to shooting, and exhausted all their tear-gas equipment. Nine cops were injured. The wind seemed to favor the workers, and much of the tear-gas went back to the cops. Eight weeks of striking has also taught many workers how to throw the tear-gas bombs.

The most valuable victory on that day however, was the pulling out of all the workers on the State Belt Line Railroad. Until that time this was the only means for transporting cargo. The State government, owner of the line, held these men down with a Yellow Dog contract. But tens of thousands on the waterfront on that day impressed them even more.

#### Holiday — The Fourth.

"There will be no cargo moved over the holiday," the Industrial Assn. announced July Fourth is the day when we celebrate our "independence" and "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." But not a moment was lost during the holiday interval, to prepare for

defying the proposed ordinance banning day-time street meetings in this city, the motion for which was passed by the City Council on last Monday. The Communist Party in Richmond has called a street meeting for this coming Saturday.

The meeting will be followed up by a mass protest at the Council chambers next Monday night, July 16th, when the motion is to come up on a second. To become law any motion must be read twice before being passed. The ordinance would restrict street meetings to the evening between 6:30 and 10 p.m. when few people are on the streets.

The ordinance is seen as the first move of the American Legion's attack on the Communist Party, who have been holding street meetings of more than 200 workers regularly. Leo Marullo, member of the local Legion post and a representative of the Standard Oil, brought a protest against the Council and Scott of the Standard Oil introduced the motion. The Standard Oil has already tried to prevent their workers from going to indoor meetings and fearing they might hear some truth about capitalism and the Standard Oil in particular are now trying to halt street meetings.

All workers in Contra Costa County are being urged to write and phone the City Clerk, Richmond 383, and City Attorney, Richmond 608, protesting the proposed ordinance.

### WHERE CLASS WAR HEROES FELL



On the day following "Bloody Thursday", workers chalked a tribute to their murdered comrades on the sidewalk at Steuart and Mission Streets, where they fell. Police erased the writing and kicked the flowers away, but workers have replaced the sidewalk memorial and put the inscriptions in paint.

### Who Are Behind the National Guardsmen's Machine Guns?

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 6.—In ordering out the national guard to guard scabs and help the bosses open the port with force and violence, Gov. Merriam declared that the guard represents no class or faction.

Here are the officers in command on the waterfront. See for yourselves which class they belong to and whose interests they represent.

MAJ-GEN. DAVID P. BARROWS — collaborated with Korchak and Seminoff and Japanese in Siberia, fighting against the workers and peasants revolution; fought bitterly against recognition of Workers Republics of USSR; just returned from months teaching in fascist Germany and now at University of California spreading Nazi propaganda; made many attacks on Communists, and on agricultural strikers; did not protest attempt to recruit scabs on university campus.

COL. EUGENE BENNETT — attorney for Standard Oil Co. through firm of Madison, Pillsbury and Sutro, attorneys.

COL. R. MITTELSTAEDT — General manager, Sacramento Water Co. who shut off water of unemployed unable to pay.

MAJ. A. A. CALKINS — Executive Director, Reconstruction Finance Corp., Wall St. plan for aiding the bankers at the expense of the workingclass.

CAPT. WM. FOSS — Assistant Treasurer of Alameda county where relief for unemployed is cut to the bone; and attempts were made last year to cut workers off relief to force them to scab during strikes.

LT. COL. CURTIS O'SULLIVAN — of the (Ogden) Mills Estate, one of whose deeds was bilking the people of San Francisco into paying a big price for the marsh land turned into Mills Field Municipal Airport.

MAJOR REED CLARKE — corporation attorney.

MAJOR DAVID HARDY — Asst. Superintendent of Schools.

COL. WAYNE ALLEN — Purchasing Agent for Key Route (Ferry) System, Oakland.

### JOIN THE ARMY AND SEE WHAT YOU GET —

(By a Soldier)

The soldiers in the U. S. army are feeling the effects of the crisis the same as the workers in the rest of the world and conditions are continually getting worse. There was a restoration of pay last week, in the form of automatic pay increases for the higher offices (without getting the promotions), but this was exclusively for officers, not for the enlisted men. And we are the ones that need it, not them.

All we have gotten is a series of cuts—in pay, in clothing allowances, in food rations, in pay, re-enlistment bonuses, longevity pay, and in many special ratings. And these have had a devastating effect upon our earnings. Besides this, the continual rise in prices has made further inroads, particularly in the homes of married enlisted men.

#### Pay About \$10 a Month.

The advertised pay of \$21 a month is actually only \$18.90, since only 5% of the 15% cut has been returned to us. But we have to keep up the regulation appearance and so from this \$18.90 you must spend every month \$1 to the barber, \$1 to the borts, \$1.50 for toilet articles dentally, in cones by enlisted laborers, \$1.50 for toilet articles and equipment polish and finally 50¢ for the athletic fund. Figure it out. It leaves the absolute pay less than \$13 a month. Additional expenses bring it down to around \$10.

A soldier must buy from this meager amount left the "under-cover regulation" requirements. Tailor-made shirts and uniforms at robber prices must be purchased or you are put on the "unpopular" list by the commanders. Heads of the departments are cut in by the post tailors. Olive drab serge shirts cost \$9.55, wrap leggings \$4.25, and to remain off the list of dirty details, Sunday work, and few privileges, you must buy at least one complete uniform.

The war time clothing issue is so shabby that you are ashamed to wear them. But the allowance is so low that a recruit becomes infected, he loses all pay while taking treatment and when returned to duty again, faces a military court martial, and thirty days hard labor for being so unlucky. Naturally men dodge medical inspections and suffer ruined health by lingering effects.

#### Wholesale Deserts.

The men are rebelling against these conditions by breaches of discipline, poor quality of work and desertions. The commanding staff, seeing this growing discontent, try to stem it with further suppression, fewer privileges, and increased hours of speed-up fatigue. They have an idea that long hours of toil will dull our minds and keep us from thinking of our conditions. The opposite results. Never in the history of the U. S. Army has fatigue duty been intensified. Duty has been increased from 15% to 50%, according to the post locations. It has long been the practice of peace time to drill foremen and give the afternoons off, or work a small crew alternately on upkeep work. Now it is seldom a single soldier gets an afternoon off in two weeks. Skilled construction work formerly done by civilian labor, now, under the slogan of "National Economy", is done by soldiers.

As a result wholesale desertions occur. They are so great the War Department is afraid to make the figures public, but the military periodical "Our Army" reports a typical turnover in one company by desertion alone of 50% in two months time.

#### Recruiting Shifted.

The desertions and breaches of discipline have become so acute that the War Department has been forced to shift the recruitment base mainly from the city to the rural areas, figuring these boys more conservative and easily disciplined because of lack of direct class struggle activities. Right after the beginning of the crisis, they suddenly became extremely particular in the recruits, demanding two years high school education and coming from a family of "good standing", but the depth of the crisis has forced these families of "good standing" onto relief, discontented. The degree of the shift to the farm recruiting in the past two years, particularly among the southern states, is seen in the fact that now instead of high school boys, a great number can not even read and write. These southern recruits, because of the greater amount of white chauvinism they have, are sent especially to foreign posts, where they are figured the least apt to become sympathetic to the oppressed natives. But this whole scheme of getting tool-proof recruits is being offset more and more as the crisis has spread to every corner of the country and the farmers as well as the workers are awakening to the fact that something is rotten in this whole system.

#### You Pay For Everything.

In this manner the fund is swollen \$50 to \$100 monthly. The total fund average collected from a company of forty to fifty men is estimated at \$150 a month. This is then used to build concrete sidewalks, lawns, bridge flower beds around the barracks, to buy lawn mowers and tools for caring for the gardens, to buy paints, oil, varnish, soap, etc., to keep the quarters